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SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY SECURITY INFORMATION COUNTRY Yugoslavia REPORT Supplement to "Observations on the **SUBJECT** DATE DISTR. 29 March 1954 Milovan Djilas Case" NO. OF PAGES DATE OF INFO. REQUIREMENT NO. RD PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES THE SOURCE EVALUATIONS IN THIS REPORT ARE DEFINITIVE. THE APPRAISAL OF CONTENT IS TENTATIVE. (FOR KEY SEE REVERSE) Tito was not in the process of implementing the suggestions made to him to establish a more moderate governmental system nor had he fully accepted the validity of arguments for liberalization. However, as a means of anticipating Party reaction to further liberalization, Tito encouraged Milovan Dillas to adopt an extreme position attacking Party practices and advocating radical reforms The Trieste crisis in October precluded any serious consideration by Tito to adopt a social-democratic program. However, in order to reveal the true positions of various members of the Party hierarchy, Tito encouraged Djilas to continue his literary efforts against the Party bureaucracy.2 Comment: Tito is a fox, more clever than intelligent. He never accepts anything without first trying it out. 25X1 25X1 SECRET/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

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2. Comment: Djilas was used as a trial balloon and was ultimately sacrificed when the strong opposition of the more orthodox Party members became apparent.

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